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1. On 22 January 1951, the 1 MAI [redacted] called at Nexø on the island of Bornholm. The ship, completed at the Stralsund shipyard in January 1951, made the Nexø stop on its maiden voyage. The addition of the 1 MAI brings the Rostock fishing fleet to a total of 24 vessels. [redacted] 25X1
2. The 1 MAI draws 3 m at the stern and has a mean draft of 2,8 m. It resembles a regular lugger, but the interior arrangement differs slightly from previously observed Soviet luggers.
- a. The forward part of the vessel is occupied by the boatswain's stores and a small cod-liver refinery. The latter consists of two cylindrical cooking tanks (diameter 50 centimeters, height about 70 centimeters), into which the liver is thrown through a hatch in the deck. The cooking is done by electricity and the oil flows from the cooking tanks into two cubical storage tanks.
- b. All living quarters, the galley, and a small mess are in the stern.
- c. The electrical equipment aboard the 1 MAI seems to be somewhat less extensive than that aboard regular Soviet luggers. It consists of the following:
- 1) In the chart-house: A regular radio receiving set.
- 2) In the wheel-house: Echo-sounding apparatus and internal public address system.
- 3) In the radio room: One transmitter-receiver (1000-3000 kHz). This measure about 50 x 60 x 30 centimeters and all parts, so far as could be observed, are marked R.F.T.
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- d. The ship has a fine large engine room with a 300 HP Wolf-Buckau engine. 300 HP is considered insufficient for sailing in the waters between Iceland and the Barents Sea, and luggers are to be equipped with engines of 500 HP; however, these are not yet available. The engine room of the 1 MAI also contains one 100 HP diesel engine, which delivers current to the winches, and another of about 25 HP for illumination.
- e. The funnel bears a white insignia on a blue ground. The insignia is a fish and the letters VVERF (Vereinigung Volkseigener Betriebe Fischwirtschaft).
3. The captain of the 1 MAI stated [redacted] had never 25X1
heard of the installation of Decca, but had heard some talk of a possible instal- 25X1
lation of radar. [redacted]
[redacted] the captain expressed satisfaction with
his new ship and praised its stability in particular.

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